

Remarks

Claim Objections

In the Office Action of April 14, 2008 (hereinafter, "Office Action"), claims 1 – 10 and 21 – 25 are allowed. Please note that claim 21 is further amended to remove a duplicate "a" in the recitation. No new matter was added in the claim amendment. Claims 1 – 10 and 22 – 25 are denoted as "ALLOWED" in the "Claim Amendments" section at the end of this document.

In the Office Action, claims 17 and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Please note that claim 17 has been amended to include the limitations of the previously presented independent claim 11 as well as the limitations of dependent claim 12. Claim 19 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 13 and 14, and is amended to depend from amended claim 17.

Because the amendments to claims 17 and 19 include the limitations to claims 11, 12, 13, and 14, claims 11 – 14 have been cancelled. Further, claims 15 and 18 have been amended to depend from claim 19. No new matter was added with these claim amendments.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In the Office Action, claims 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shyu, United States Patent No. 7,100,068 (hereinafter, "Shyu") in view of Derwent, German Patent No. 20315282 (hereinafter, "Derwent").

Please note that claims 11 and 12 have been cancelled, as amended claim 17 includes the limitations previously found in claims 11 and 12. No new matter

was added with these claim amendments. In view of the amendments, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claim 17.

In the Office Action, claims 13, 14, 15, 16, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shyu in view of Derwent and Sato, United States Patent No. 6,627,829 (hereinafter, "Sato").

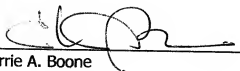
Please note that claims 13 and 14 have been cancelled, and claims 15 and 18 have been amended to depend from claim 19. Claim 19 has been amended to depend from amended claim 17, which has been rewritten in independent form. The Office Action regards claims 17 and 19, as amended, as allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections of claims 15 – 18.

Conclusion

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowance of claims 1 – 10 and 21 – 25. For the above reasons, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the remaining unallowed claims 15 – 19, and entry of the amendment to already allowed claim 20.

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